

ALEXANDRIA GAZETTE AND VIRGINIA ADVERTISER.

Mr. Hutton. Not my habit, sir; I have seen several. I have received this letter which I wish to read:

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 23, 1876.
Dear Sir: I arrived here last night to give my testimony in the case concerning yourself before the Judiciary Committee. I was summoned to the committee room at ten o'clock this morning and was sorry to find the investigation postponed until to-morrow on account of your illness. I shall endeavor to call and pay my respects this evening. I was greatly taken by surprise at being taken aside by Mr. Hutton and somewhat closely interrogated privately as to the points of the testimony I should be able to give against you. All his inquiries seemed to be made with an air of confidence and the thorough questioning he gave me in this informal manner astonished me beyond measure. I had no idea that Congressional investigations were conducted in this way. If they are to be fair and honorable and to degenerate into prosecutions and then into persecutions.

I learned after leaving Mr. Hutton that he has been pursuing this course with other witnesses who are presumed to have some testimony to give against you. Mr. Hutton's inquiries were not merely general, but were, it seemed to me, about as minute as they could well be, and put with an apparent desire to have every fact stated in a manner that would incriminate you. I have felt that I was in honor bound to communicate this to you as early as possible for your own protection. I am, very truly yours,
A. P. ROBINSON.

Hon. J. G. BLAINE.
He came that evening and had some conversation with me; and when the gentleman asked if he had seen me, he supposed it was in reference to the testimony. He did not come to tell me what he could testify to, but—
Mr. Hutton. I did not give way for a speech.

Mr. Blaine. I have made speech enough. Mr. Hutton. The animus of that witness is shown by his letter more than mine is shown by it. I do not deny. I never have denied, that I have talked with some half a dozen witnesses.

Mr. Blaine. But he said it was understood you "couched" the witness; that is the phrase he used.

Mr. Hutton. I say that if he or any other man says that I undertook to "post" the witness or to "coach" him or intimidate by any other technical term which I may not understand, that there has been an attempt on my part to influence his testimony, it is false, and I am sorry for it.

Now I confess that I had talked to these witnesses; but never, never have I attempted to influence their testimony in the slightest degree. My object in talking to the witnesses was to learn how to examine them; I thought it my right and my duty.

Mr. Blaine. That is just what Mr. Robinson says—that the object was to get the strong points against me.

Mr. Hutton. I did not give way to the gentleman. I beg him to recollect that I have the floor, and not to attempt to take it from me until I yield to him.

I want him to recollect also that I was not under investigation; I was not interested in the result; and though I may have talked to witnesses before their examination, was that as bad as for the gentleman from Maine, who was interested in the result, to take them to his house? I say here upon my personal responsibility that not once have I attempted to influence the testimony of a witness summoned before me in any investigation ordered by this House. Why, sir, the gentleman knows that a witness in his examination in the open committee-room stated, "In my conversation with you, Mr. Hutton, this statement occurred." I never attempted to conceal the fact that on several occasions—probably four or five, it may be less or it may be more—I did talk with witnesses, that I might know under which resolution their testimony came; that I might know how to bring out the facts in the possession of the witness. If that is wrong, Mr. Speaker, it is an error of judgment on my part. I cannot see it.

Now, these are the facts in this case; and I beg the House to bear in mind that they have committed these investigations to the hands of a committee; and while that committee is proceeding with its investigation the gentleman from Maine, who supposes that he is involved in this investigation, undertakes to force the conclusions of that committee, and make his own statement to the House of the result of that investigation. Mr. Speaker, if this practice is to be observed in the House, let it be referred to committees be discontinued; and whenever there is an inquiry here which may possibly involve a member, let that member get up on the floor and make his statement; let that be received as the report of the committee; let it be adopted, and thus let the matter end. If that is not to be the practice, let this committee go on with its investigation. If the testimony does not implicate Mr. Blaine, I undertake to say that the committee will not only cheerfully and promptly, but with pleasure report that fact to the House. If, on the other hand, the testimony shall involve him in the charges which are under consideration by the committee, then rest assured that, as one of the members of the committee, mean to report the facts to the House and the conclusions to be drawn from those facts.

MARRIED.
In Baltimore, on the 30th of May, 1876, by Rev. J. M. Holmes, Mr. D. K. GRAHAM, of Washington, to Miss FLORA L. MITCHELL, of Alexandria, Va.

FISH, OYSTERS, &c.
NOTICE!
I would respectfully invite the attention of my friends and the public to the fact that I have removed my entire stock of FISH to STORES No. 28 SOUTH LEE STREET and No. 11 SOUTH WHARF, where I will keep constantly on hand a large supply of

Potomac and Eastern Fish.
Those wishing to purchase Fish would do well to give me a call, as I am prepared to guarantee and sell as cheap as can be purchased in this market.
J. S. REED.

PROPOSALS.
PROPOSALS FOR IRON BEDSTEADS.
Proposals will be received by the Committee on Public Property of the City Council until the 14th of June, 1876, for furnishing the Jail with FIVE IRON BEDSTEADS. A specimen can be seen at the office of K. T. Lucas, City Sergeant. Proposals can be left at the store of J. Hopkins, Esq.

THE COMBINED FLORAL AND FRUIT EXHIBITION. Picnic, Excursion and Strawberry Festival of the Wood-lawn Farmers' Club and Potomac Fruit Growers' Association will take place on FRIDAY, June 9, on the steamboat Mary Washington, leaving the wharf (foot of 7th st., Washington, at 9 a. m., and Alexandria at 9:30; returning about 4 p. m. Fare for the round trip 50c.

PRESTON POINT FISHERY. Will be rented to the highest bidder, in front of Green's Mansion House, Alexandria, Va., at noon on the 15th inst.

JOHN W. FAIRFAX. Je 7-1w
Ex'r. of Henry Fairfax, deceased.

JUST RECEIVED: Choice Mocha, Old Government Java, Ceylon Java, Maracabo, La Guayra and Rio Coffee, which we offer at the lowest rates.
J. C. & E. MILBURN.

EXTRA CHOICE G. P. TEA received to-day by
J. C. & E. MILBURN.

PRIME CHEESE AND DRIED BEEF for sale by
J. C. & E. MILBURN.

DRIED PRACHES and German Pears, dried whole, just received by
G. W. RAMSAY.

LOCAL MATTERS.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—War Department, Office of the Chief Signal Officer, Washington, D. C., June 7, 1876.—10:30 a. m.—In the Middle States stationary or rising barometer, northeast to northwest winds, stationary or higher temperature and partly cloudy weather.

COMMON COUNCIL.—A bare quorum occupied the seats within the bar at the adjourned meeting of Council last night, and some ten or twelve spectators occupied the seats outside the bar. Considerable business was transacted, much of it without debate.

When the clause of the Appropriation bill raising \$61,000 for interest, was read, Mr. H. moved to strike out \$61,000 and insert \$31,000. The times were so short, and trade so slack that he was sure the people could not pay six per cent.

Mr. Brodets:—How are you going to do that. They have the coupons.

Mr. Harlow:—Well, if our bondholders are not satisfied let them sue.

The Chair:—Has the motion a second.
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TELEGRAPH NEWS.

From Washington.

CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 7, 1876.—In the Senate after some morning hour business the Legislative Executive and Judicial business was taken up, the pending question being upon the following amendment of Mr. Clayton:—

"That the appointments in all the Executive Departments of the Government shall be so arranged as to be equally distributed between the several States of the United States—territories and the District of Columbia, according to population—and the principle of equal distribution of appointments as above provided for shall apply in making reductions of force in said Departments," to which a further amendment providing further: That all such appointments shall be made after an examination of the candidates by a board of five appointed by the President with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Mr. Howe spoke at length in opposition to the amendment.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.
In the House of Representatives, to-day, the Speaker occupied the chair but for a few moments, and asked for leave of absence for ten days, which was granted.

The bill placing the public lands in the Southern States upon the same footing with other public lands, was passed.

The Guevara award bill was taken up, and Mr. Lord, of New York, made a speech thereon.

The Postal Route bill was read and placed on the Speaker's table.

BLAINE AGAIN.

There was another and most exciting meeting of the Judiciary Committee to-day, at which explanatory remarks were made by Mr. Knott, Mr. Hale, Mr. Ashe, Mr. Harlow, Geo. Hutton and Mr. Lynde, (whose name had been mentioned in connection with the Caldwell dispatch) during which there were several sharp "passages at arms" between Messrs. Knott and Blaine, and twice Mr. Knott had to stigmatize reports said by Mr. Blaine to be in circulation as lies.

Mr. Blaine attempted his usual tactics—bluster and bravado—but was met, especially by Geo. Hutton, with such coolness and such a calm array of facts that the ex-Speaker had to succumb.

At one time Mr. Knott caused a general smile by telling Blaine that he had a great deal of much more importance to occupy his attention than Blaine or his nomination, to which Blaine replied "do you refer to the dispatch." No, said Mr. Knott, to you.

Geo. Hutton conducted himself throughout with the utmost coolness, but determination, and twice foiled Blaine in an attempt to create a sensation, and then by a simple recital of facts completely vindicated himself and upset all of B's bravado.

Of course but little testimony was taken and the committee adjourned till to-morrow.

THE PUBLIC LANDS IN THE SOUTH.

The bill opening up to sale and pre-emption the public lands in Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Arkansas, passed the House to-day. These lands were in 1865 reserved, and the effect of allowing them to come into the market will be of great benefit to the States in which they are situated.

CENTENNIAL.

PHILADELPHIA, June 7.—The attendance to-day is still very large, and notwithstanding the warm weather not less than 40,000 people are on the grounds. It is announced that San Salvador and Guatemala have sent exhibits which are en route for Philadelphia. Gen. Hawley has sent out invitations to a reception at the Judges' Hall Friday evening. The reception is given to judges, commissioners and other officials connected with the exhibition.

We don't know, never having heard Mr. Blaine speak, the effect of his oratory upon an audience, but it must be greater than that of Pericles, Demosthenes and Cicero combined if it was sufficient to sustain him after the damaging effect produced by the speech of the able representative from this district, as published elsewhere in to-day's Gazette.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

On and after Monday, June 5th, until further notice, the Ferry Road will run according to the following schedule:
Leave Washington: 6, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a. m. and 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:15 and 7 p. m.
Leave Alexandria: 6, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a. m. and 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:15 and 7 p. m.
Sundays: 8:30, 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 a. m., and 12:30, 2:30, 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, 6:15 and 7 p. m.
S. S. HOWSON,
President Potomac Ferry Co.

NOTICE.

The steamer KEYPORT leaves her wharf, at the FOOT OF PRINCE STREET, daily, at 7:25 a. m., for QUANTICO, connecting with the train for FREDERICKSBURG, RICHMOND and the SOUTH; returning, arrives at 8:35 p. m.
J. P. HOOE, Agent.

10 CARBOYS OIL VITRIOL in store and for sale at lowest market rates.
JANNEY & CO.

PICKED LEAF OOLONG TEA at FIFTY CENTS; a fresh supply at
RAMSAY'S CORNER.

JESSAMINE OOLONG, the finest Black Tea imported, for sale at
RAMSAY'S.

GARDEN SEEDS.—Another large supply of Landreth's Garden Seeds just received by
E. S. LEADBEATER & BRO.

RAMSAY'S CORNER is the old and well known CHEAP CORNER FOR GROCERIES.
JANNEY & CO.

FAMILY FLOUR—50 bbls D. H. Bagley's Family Flour for sale by
WASHINGTON & BRO.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Freestone Point fishing shore is offered for rent.

The Union Prayer Meeting will be held at the Methodist Protestant Church to-night at 8 o'clock.

Mr. W. W. Corcoran was in the city to-day, having been driven down from Washington in his carriage.

The Mayor has appointed Abner Lee a special policeman, and assigned him to duty at the Fayette street depot.

The lecture by Rev. Dr. Newman for the benefit of the M. E. Church has been postponed from to-morrow until Monday night.

The excursion and exhibition of the Wood-lawn Farmers' Club and Potomac Fruit Growers' Association will take place on Friday night.

A negro boy was accidentally struck on the leg with a baseball this morning and so badly hurt that he had to be carried to his home.

Letters addressed to J. H. Delaplaine, Circleville, Ohio, and Miss Emma A. Speaks, Nanjemoy, Md., are detained in the postoffice here for want of postage.

The ladies of the congregation of St. John's Chapel, at West End, will hold a strawberry social for its benefit to-night, to-morrow night and Friday night.

A fracas occurred between two staid and sober citizens on King street this evening about the dividing line between their property. After two or three blows were passed and one of the combatants knocked down, friends interfered and separated them.

A mad dog made his appearance on Henry street this morning and bit two or three other dogs. He also attacked an old colored man, but did not succeed in biting him. The dog was finally shot, as were also two others which were known to have been bitten by him.

The steamer Lady of the Lake, of the Norfolk line, which has been at the ship yard in this city for two weeks past, has been entirely repaired and renovated, and will leave for Washington this evening. It is expected that she will take her place upon the line on Monday next.

A meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Alexandria county was held yesterday. The only business of public interest was the levy of a tax of five cents on the hundred dollars value of real and personal property in Washington district, which was ordered to be collected for road purposes for the year 1876.

OFFICIAL.

Common Council.

At an adjourned meeting of the Common Council, held June 6, 1876, there were present: J. S. Beach, Esq., President, and Messrs. Hopkins, Latham, Broders, Herbert, Harlow, Rish-eill, Schofield, Hughes and Simms.

A communication from W. H. Irwin with reference to the reduction of assessment on certain pieces of property owned by him, referred by the Board of Aldermen to the Finance Committee, was received from that Board and their action in referring the same to the Finance Committee concurred in.

An ordinance of the railroad companies using the streets of the city to employ flagmen on certain streets and parts of streets, passed by the Board of Aldermen and laid over by this Board May 29, 1876, was passed by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Latham, Hopkins, Broders, Harlow, Herbert, Schofield, Beach, Simms, Hughes, Simms and Mr. President—10. Nays, none.

A communication from the Mayor enclosing one from the Clerk of the Corporation Court, officially notifying the City Council of the ratification by the voters of the city of the amended charter, was received.

A communication from R. J. Collins, Clerk of the School Board, containing an estimate of the cost of the public schools of the city for the session of the year 1876-7, was referred to the Finance Committee.

The report of the committee of conference on the petition of the Southern and Atlantic Telegraph Co., granting said company permission to erect certain poles, was received from the Board of Aldermen and their action in adopting the same concurred in.

The report of the Committee on Public Property referring to the Corporation Attorney a resolution relating to the interest the city has in the lot directly in the rear of the jail was received from the Board of Aldermen and their action concurred in.

An act to appropriate the city revenue for the fiscal year ending July 31st, 1877, adopted by the Board of Aldermen, was received from that Board and lost by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Latham, Hopkins, Broders, Herbert, Schofield, Rish-eill, Hughes and Mr. President—9. Nays, Messrs. Beach, Simms and Mr. President—3.

An act fixing the salaries for the municipal officers of the city of Alexandria for the fiscal year commencing July 1st, 1876, and terminating June 30th, 1877, passed by the Board of Aldermen, was received from that Board, amended by fixing the salary of the Health Officer at \$50, and passed by the following vote: Ayes, Messrs. Latham, Hopkins, Broders, Herbert, Schofield, Rish-eill, Hughes, Simms and Mr. President—9. Nays, Mr. Hopkins—1.

A communication from Thomas N. Carter, acting City Surveyor, asking for the payment of the salary of that officer, was referred to the Committee on Streets, with power to act.

The Board then adjourned.

HAROLD SNOWDEN, Clerk.

VIRGINIA: In the Clerk's office of the Corporation Court of the city of Alexandria